

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1555

Introduced by Assembly Member Gomez

January 4, 2016

An act relating to greenhouse gases.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AB 1555, as introduced, Gomez. Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.

The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 designates the State Air Resources Board as the state agency charged with monitoring and regulating sources of emissions of greenhouse gases. The state board is required to adopt a statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit equivalent to the statewide greenhouse gas emissions level in 1990 to be achieved by 2020. The act authorizes the state board to include the use of market-based compliance mechanisms. Existing law requires all moneys, except for fines and penalties, collected by the state board from the auction or sale of allowances as part of a market-based compliance mechanism to be deposited in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund and to be available upon appropriation.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact future legislation that would appropriate \$1,700,000,000 from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund for the 2015–16 fiscal year that would be allocated to different entities in amounts to be determined in the future legislation for purposes including low carbon transportation and infrastructure, clean energy communities, and community climate improvements, wetland and watershed restoration, and carbon sequestration.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact future
2 legislation that would appropriate one billion seven hundred million
3 dollars (\$1,700,000,000) from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction
4 Fund, created pursuant to Section 16428.8 of the Government
5 Code, to be allocated, in amounts to be determined in that future
6 legislation as follows:

7 (a) For low carbon transportation and infrastructure, as follows:

8 (1) The amount of ____ dollars (\$____) to the California Air
9 Resources Board for low carbon transportation and infrastructure
10 programs.

11 (2) The amount of ____ dollars (\$____) for Active
12 Transportation and transit pass investments.

13 (b) For clean energy communities, as follows:

14 (1) The amount of ____ dollars (\$____) to the Community
15 Service Department and the California Conservation Corps for
16 weatherization and low-income solar rooftop programs, with at
17 least ____ dollars (\$____) of those moneys for integrated
18 solarization and weatherization programs or projects in
19 disadvantaged communities.

20 (2) The amount of ____ dollars (\$____) to the California Energy
21 Commission and the Department of Water Resources for
22 replacement programs, including turf and toilet replacement.

23 (3) The amount of ____ dollars (\$____) to the Department of
24 Water Resources for energy efficient ground water pump
25 replacement grant programs.

26 (4) The amount of ____ dollars (\$____) to develop low-carbon
27 microgrids for public buildings and universities.

28 (5) The amount of ____ dollars (\$____) to the Department of
29 Food and Agriculture, and the amount of ____ dollars (\$____) to
30 CalRecycle, to provide incentive programs for waste diversion,
31 biogas development, and compost programs, including grants to
32 agriculture and urban waste organic diversion facilities.

33 (6) The amount of ____ dollars (\$____) to the Department of
34 Food and Agriculture for on-farm energy and water efficiency
35 programs.

36 (c) For community climate improvements, wetland and
37 watershed restoration, and carbon sequestration, as follows:

- 1 (1) The amount of ____ dollars (\$____) to the Department of
2 Fish and Wildlife for wetland development, rehabilitation, and
3 enhancement.
- 4 (2) The amount of ____ dollars (\$____) to the Wildlife
5 Conservation Board for allocation to state and regional
6 conservancies for watershed restoration.
- 7 (3) The amount of ____ dollars (\$____) to the Natural Resources
8 Agency for riparian and revegetation programs.
- 9 (4) The amount of ____ dollars (\$____) for
10 local-climate-beneficial projects for urban greening, urban
11 canopies, urban brownfield conversion, and other related projects.
- 12 (5) The amount of ____ dollars (\$____) for agricultural and
13 rangeland carbon sequestration programs.
- 14 (6) The amount of ____ dollars (\$____) to the Department of
15 Forestry and Fire Protection for urban forestry.
- 16 (d) For opportunity investments in amounts to be determined.

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